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Atty Docket No: 305T-932610US  
Client Ref: SF2001-014-2

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

**ROBERT H. EDWARDS, ELIZABETH E.  
BELLOCCHIO, ROBERT T. FREMEAU, JR.,  
and RICHARD J. REIMER**

Application No.: **09/915,181**

Filed: **07/24/2001**

For: **NOVEL GLUTAMATE  
TRANSPORTERS**

Examiner: Ram R. Shukla

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**AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 22, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months;  
Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.